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Re: Support for Bill 10, Relating to the use of bags provided to customers

Aloha Chair Ernie Martin and Councilmember:

I humbly request that you adopt bill 10. It is time that Honolulu catches up to the progress made in the other counties in banning the toxic plastic bag. My overwhelming concern with their continued use is the health and well being of our closest marine relatives. Thousands of marine mammals and reptiles have revealed stomachs full of plastic bags during necroscopies. In this regard, these materials that appear safe to us do indeed reveal an insidious toxic nature, far more potent than many banned chemicals.

Second to the concern of our marine friends, I am depressed by the site of plastic bags hanging from our beautiful trees, plastered on our fences and rolling along the roads and fields on our beautiful island home.

I believe few would trade the minor added convenience of plastic shopping bags for the wretched deaths of our marine family. The only benefactor in this bizarre experiment in convenience is the petrochemical companies and trade associations.

Please do the right thing for your island county and most of its marine inhabitants and vote with your conscious. I appreciated your support of this bill, for your support of the community and the environment we live with in Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
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